Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

Amendments to the Claims

Please replace claims 1 through 56 with the following amended claims 1 through 98:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A floor covering comprising:
- a first region comprising a first material having an image; and at least one second region comprising a second material having <u>a legend</u> <u>providing</u> at least some information related to the image on the first region.
- 2. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 3. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region includes a void and the second region is positioned in the void.
- 4. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region is mounted on a backing.
- 5. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 4, wherein the second region is mounted on the backing.
- 6. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 5, wherein the second region is mounted on the backing by means of an adhesive or stitching.
- 7. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 2, wherein the at least some information is textual.
- 8. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region and the second region are mounted on a common backing.

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

9. (*Original*) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the floor covering is one of a carpet, area carpet, broadloom carpet, rug, area rug, and mat.

- 10. (*Currently Amended*) A method of fabricating a floor covering, comprising: providing a first region comprising a first material having an image; and providing at least one second region comprising a second material having a legend providing at least some information related to the image on the first region.
- 11. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the first material is provided in the form of fibers.
- 12. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 10, wherein providing at least one second region is practiced by creating a void in the first region and mounting the second region in the void.
- 13. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the first region is provided by tufting fibers to a substrate.
- 14. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the second material is one of a textile and non-textile material.
 - 15. (*Currently Amended*) A method of fabricating a floor covering, comprising: providing a substrate;

attaching a first material to the substrate to produce a region of first material;

providing an image on the region of first material;

providing at least one void in the region having little or no material;

providing a second material having a legend providing at least some

information related to the image; and

mounting the at least one second material in the at least one void.

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

16. (*Original*) The method of claim 15 wherein the first material is in the form of fibers.

- 17. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein the second material is one of a textile and an non-textile material.
- 18. (*Previously submitted*) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein providing at least one a void in the region is practiced by removing at least some of the first material from the substrate.
 - 19. (*Currently Amended*) A method of fabricating a floor covering, comprising: providing a substrate;

attaching a first material to the substrate to produce a region of first material;

providing an image on the region of first material;

providing at least one void in the region having little or no material by removing at least some of the first material from the substrate The method as recited in claim 18, wherein removing at least some of the first material is practiced by cutting or shaving:

providing a second material having at least some information related to the image; and

mounting the at least one second material in the at least one void.

- 20. (Currently Amended) A tufted carpet comprising:
 - a substrate onto which fibers are tufted;
- a first region of tufted fibers mounted to the substrate, the first region having an image;
 - a second region having little or no tufted fibers; and
- a textile material providing at least some information related to the image in the first region, the textile material mounted in the second region.

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

21. (*Original*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the textile material is a woven or non-woven material.

- 22. (*Original*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information related to the image is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical information.
- 23. (*Original*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information related to the image is textual information.
- 24. (*Cancelled*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information provided by the textile material is provided by needlework.
- 25. (*Cancelled*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 24, wherein the needlework is embroidery or cross-stitch.
 - 26. (*Currently Amended*) An article of manufacture comprising:
 a first region comprising a first textile material having an image; and
 at least one second region comprising a second material <u>having a legend</u>
 providing at least some information relating to the image on the first region.
- 27. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 28. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the article is one of a floor covering; a wall hanging; a wall covering; a furniture covering; bedding; apparel; a table cloth; a napkin; a towel; and wash cloth.
- 29. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the first material is one of a tufted material, a woven material, and a non-woven material.

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

30. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a first region comprising a first textile material having an image; and at least one second region comprising a second material providing at least some information relating to the image on the first region;

The article of manufacture recited as recited in claim 26 wherein the second material is one of a woven material and non-woven material.

31. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a first region comprising a first textile material having an image; and
at least one second region comprising a second material providing at least
some information relating to the image on the first region;

wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical; and

The article of manufacture as recited in claim 27, wherein the information is provided as needlework.

- 32. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 31, wherein the needlework is one of embroidery, cross-stitch, and crocheting.
- 33. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the image is an image of one of geometrical designs, graphic designs, photographs, images of articles, images of fashions, plants, animals, people, events, landscapes, landmarks, scenes of nature, concepts, ideas, scientific concepts and principles, literary works, works of art, historic scenes, signs of the zodiac, brands, trademarks, trade dress, insignias, tartans, genealogical symbols, images of heraldry, and coats of arms.
- 34. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the first region includes a perimeter and the at least one second region is positioned within the perimeter.
 - 35. (Original) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the at

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

least one second region is a plurality of second regions.

36. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the second material is different from the first material.

37. (*Currently Amended*) A method of providing an article of manufacture, the method comprising:

providing a first textile region of the article having an image, and providing a second region of the article containing a legend providing at least some information concerning the image.

- 38. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 39. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the article is one of a floor covering; a wall hanging; a wall covering; a furniture covering; bedding; apparel; a table cloth; a napkin; a towel; and wash cloth.
- 40. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 38, wherein the at least some information is textual.
- 41. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 37, further comprising providing a substrate for mounting the first region.
- 42. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 41, wherein providing a first region of the article is practiced by tufting fibers to the substrate.
- 43. (*Currently Amended*) A method of providing an article of manufacture, the method comprising:

providing a first region of the article having an image; and providing a second region of the article containing at least some

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

information concerning the image;

The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the second region is provided by wherein providing a second region comprises removing at least some of the first region to produce a void in the first region and mounting a textile having at least some information related to the image in the first region in the void.

- 44. (*Original*) The method as recited in claim 43, further comprising providing the at least some information to the textile material by means of needlework.
 - 45. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a first region comprising a first textile material having an image, the first region having a perimeter and at least one void within the perimeter; and

at least one second region positioned within the void comprising a second material containing <u>a legend providing</u> at least some information related to the image.

- 46. (*Original*) The article as recited in claim 45, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 47. (*Original*) The article as recited in claim 46, wherein the at least some information is textual.
- 48. (*Original*) The article as recited in claim 45, wherein at least one second region is a plurality of second regions.
- 49. (*Original*) The article as recited in claim 46, wherein the first material is a woven or non-woven material.
 - 50. (Original) The article as recited in claim 46, further comprising a backing.
 - 51. (Original) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the image and

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

the at least some information are provided on the same side of the floor covering.

- 52. (*Original*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the image and the at least some information are provided on the same side of the tufted carpet.
- 53. (*Original*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the image and the at least some information are provided on the same side of the article.
 - 54. (Currently Amended) A floor covering comprising:
 - a first region comprising a first material having an image;
 - at least one second region comprising a second material having a legend providing at least some information related to the image on the first region; and The floor covering as recited in claim 1, further comprising a pocket.
 - 55. (Currently Amended) A tufted carpet comprising:
 - a substrate onto which fibers are tufted;
 - a first region of tufted fibers mounted to the substrate, the first region having an image;
 - a second region having little or no tufted fibers;
 - <u>a textile material providing at least some information related to the image</u>
 <u>in the first region, the textile material mounted in the second region; and</u>

 The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, further comprising a pocket.
 - 56. (Currently Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:
 - a first region comprising a first textile material having an image;
 - at least one second region comprising a second material having a legend providing at least some information relating to the image on the first region; and.

 The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, further comprising a pocket.
 - 57. (Previously Submitted) A tufted carpet comprising:
 - a substrate onto which fibers are tufted:

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

a first region of tufted fibers mounted to the substrate, the first region having an image;

- a second region having little or no tufted fibers; and
- a textile material providing at least some information related to the image mounted in the second region, wherein the at least some information is provided by needlework.
- 58. (*Previously Submitted*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 57, wherein the textile material is one of a woven and non-woven material.
- 59. (*Previously Submitted*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 57, wherein the at least some information related to the image is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical information.
- 60. (*Previously Submitted*) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 57, wherein the needlework comprises one of embroidery, cross-stitch, and crocheting.
 - 61. (*Previously Submitted*) An article of manufacture comprising:

 a first region comprising a first material having an image; and
 at least one second region comprising a second material providing at least
 some information relating to the image on the first region, wherein the at least
 some information is provided as needlework.
- 62. (*Previously Submitted*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 61, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 63. (*Previously Submitted*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 61, wherein the needlework is one of embroidery, cross-stitch, and crocheting.
- 64. (*Previously Submitted*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 61, wherein the second material comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

material.

65. (*Previously Submitted*) A method of providing an article of manufacture, the method comprising:

providing a first region of the article having an image;

providing a second region of the article containing at least some information concerning the image, wherein the second region is provided by removing at least some of the first region to produce a void in the first region and mounting a textile having at least some information related to the image in the void, and wherein the at least some information on the textile is provided by needlework.

- 66. (*Previously Submitted*) The method as recited in claim 65, wherein the needlework is one of embroidery, cross-stitch, and crocheting.
- 67. (*Previously Submitted*) The method as recited in claim 65, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.
- 68. (*Previously Submitted*) The method as recited in claim 65, wherein the article is one of a floor covering; a wall hanging; a wall covering; a furniture covering; bedding; apparel; a table cloth; a napkin; a towel; and wash cloth.
- 69. (*Previously Submitted*) The method as recited in claim 65, wherein the textile comprises one of a woven and non-woven textile.
- 70. (**New**) The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the second material comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile material.
- 71. (**New**) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the second material comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile material.

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

72. (*New*) The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the second region comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile material.

- 73. (*New*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 45, wherein the second material comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile material.
- 74. (*New*) The article of manufacture as recited in claim 61, wherein the second material comprises one of a textile material and a non-textile material.
- 75. (**New**) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, wherein the pocket is mounted in one of the first region and the at least one second region.
- 76. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, wherein the pocket comprises the second material having a legend.
- 77. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, wherein the pocket comprises a removably mounted pocket.
- 78. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, wherein the pocket comprises one of a textile and a non-textile material.
- 79. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, further comprising an article contained in the pocket.
- 80. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 79, wherein the article comprises the second material having a legend.
- 81. (*New*) The floor covering as recited in claim 79, wherein the article comprises one of a book, a soft sculpture, a stuffed animal, and a toy.
 - 82. (New) The floor covering as recited in claim 54, wherein the pocket

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

comprises a plurality of pockets.

83. (**New**) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, wherein the pocket is mounted in one of the first region and the second region.

84. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, wherein the pocket comprises

the textile material providing at least some information related to the image.

85. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, wherein the pocket comprises

a removably mounted pocket.

86. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, wherein the pocket comprises

one of a textile and a non-textile material.

87. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, further comprising an article

contained in the pocket.

88. (**New**) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 87, wherein the article comprises

the textile material providing at least some information related to the image.

89. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 87, wherein the article comprises

one of a book, a soft sculpture, a stuffed animal, and a toy.

90. (New) The tufted carpet as recited in claim 55, wherein the pocket comprises

a plurality of pockets.

91. (**New**) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, wherein the pocket is

mounted in one of the first region and the at least one second region.

92. (New) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, wherein the pocket

comprises the second material having a legend.

Page 14 of 19

Response with Amendment dated March 5, 2004

Reply to Office action of January 7, 2004

93. (*New*) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, wherein the pocket comprises a removably mounted pocket.

- 94. (*New*) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, wherein the pocket comprises one of a textile and a non-textile material.
- 95. (*New*) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, further comprising an article contained in the pocket.
- 96. (**New**) The article of manufacture recited in claim 95, wherein the article comprises the second material having a legend.
- 97. (**New**) The article of manufacture recited in claim 95, wherein the article comprises one of a book, a soft sculpture, a stuffed animal, and a toy.
- 98. (*New*) The article of manufacture recited in claim 56, wherein the pocket comprises a plurality of pockets.